

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 4, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 1:30 pm at the Metro Parks Boardroom, Nashville, TN. Board members present were: Justice A. A. Birch, Jr., Ms. Susan Jones, Mr. Lamont Carter, Mr. James Lawson, Mr. Ed Kindall and Ms. Jenny Hannon. Mr. Stan Fossick was not in attendance.

Staff present were: Assistant Directors: Mr. James Gray/Finance and Administration; Mr. Mike Bays/Consolidated Maintenance; Mr. Tommy Lynch/Special Services; Mr. Tim Netsch representing Curt Garrigan/Facilities Development; Mr. Paul Widman/Recreation; Ms. Jackie Jones, Superintendent of Community Affairs; Sgt. George Mitchell, Park Police; and Mr. Bob Parrish, Superintendent of Warner Park.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2006 APPROVED

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved the minutes of the board meeting held Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

01-06-05

BOARD DEFERS REQUEST OF BELMONT UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS FOR RENOVATION AND USE OF THE E.S. ROSE PARK ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Justice Birch, the Board unanimously deferred request of Dr. Robert Fisher, President of Belmont University, to enter into a partnership with Metro Parks for renovation and use of the E. S. Rose Park athletic facilities. Board has referred this request back to the acquisition/disposition committee for review.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

04-06-01

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE TSSAA TO USE THE STEEPLECHASE COURSE IN WARNER PARK AND CHARGE ADMISSION DURING THE 2005 STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2006 WITH WAIVER OF ALL FEES

A letter representing Mr. Bernard Childress of the TSSAA requesting permission to use the Steeplechase Course in Percy Warner Park and charge admission during the 2006 TSSAA State Cross Country Meet on Saturday, November 4, 2006 with waiver of all fees was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved this request as it meets the conditions of policy 3000. 28 ***Fee Waivers and Deductions***

04-06-02

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE CATFISH RODEO
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Margo Farnsworth, representing the Cumberland River Compact, requesting permission for amplification during the catfish rodeo in Centennial Park (Lake Watauga/adjacent area and the south lawn of the Parthenon) on Saturday, June 10, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board unanimously approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-03

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION
TO SELL ALCOHOL DURING THE CMA MUSIC FEST 2006
JUNE 8 - 11, 2006 IN RIVERFRONT PARK, HALL OF FAME PARK
AND AREA UNDER THE SHELBY STREET BRIDGE**

An application submitted Mr. Dennis Freeman, representing the Country Music Association, requesting permission to sell alcohol during the CMA Music Fest 2006, June 8-11, 2006, in Riverfront Park, Hall of Fame Park, and area under Shelby Street Bridge was presented to the Board. Amplification is also requested for Hall of Fame Park and Under the Bridge Mall.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board granted approval to the Country Music Association to sell alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Also, amplification was approved for Hall of Fame Park and Under the Bridge Mall with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-04

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A MEMORY WALK
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Cheri Sanders, representing the Alzheimer's Association, requesting permission for amplification during a memory walk on Saturday, October 28, 2006, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-05

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF EDGEHILL FAMILY RESOURCE
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL
AND BLACK HISTORY ACTIVITIES DAY
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006 IN E.S. ROSE PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Brenda Morrow, representing Edgehill Family Resource, requesting permission for amplification during a Community Spring Festival and Black History Activities Day in E. S. Rose Park, 2:00 – 6:00 pm, on Friday, April 14, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-06

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A REFUGEE CAMP EXHIBIT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006
IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Stephanie Davis, representing Doctors Without Borders, requesting permission for amplification during a Refugee Camp Exhibit, Wednesday, October 4 through Sunday, October 8, 2006, in Centennial Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-07

**BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO CORNERSTONE CHURCH
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING AN EGG HUNT
IN CEDAR HILL PARK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006**

An application submitted by Ms. Dana Lawson, representing Cornerstone Church, requesting permission for amplification during a community Easter egg hunt in Cedar Hill Park on Saturday, April 8, 2006 was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board unanimously approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-08

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE MARCH OF DIMES
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING A WALKATHON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2006 IN
CENTENNIAL PARK, OWEN BRADLEY PARK AND ARRIVAL COURT OF RIVERFRONT
PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Pam Byrd, representing the March of Dimes, requesting permission for amplification during a walkathon on Saturday, April 23, 2006, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, in Centennial Park, Owen Bradley Park and arrival court area of Riverfront Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-09

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF REACHING INTERNATIONAL
FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING SOULWALK
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL PARK**

An application submitted by Ms. Joy Sloan, representing Reaching International, requesting permission for amplification during SoulWalk on Saturday, April 22, 2006, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, in Cedar Hill Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board approved request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-10

**BOARD GRANTS APPROVAL TO THE COMMITTEE OF PAUL WALWYN FOR JUDGE TO
RESERVE VARIOUS COMMUNITY CENTERS TO HOST MEET THE CANDIDATE FORUMS
WITH APPROPRIATE FEES**

A letter submitted by Ms. Angie Wrather, representing Paul Walwyn for Judge, requesting permission to reserve various community centers with appropriate fees to host meet the candidate forums was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously approved request to reserve various community centers with appropriate fees to host a meet the candidate forum contingent upon space availability and subject to monitoring by park personnel. The Board also requested that a schedule of events be submitted before Monday, April 17th to the Director's office.

04-06-11

BOARD GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION FOR AMPLIFICATION AND THE SERVING OF ALCOHOL DURING A PRIVATE TICKETED DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE SCHERMERHORN SYMPHONY CENTER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006 AND A PRE-CONCERT RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006 IN HALL OF FAME PARK

An application submitted by Mr. Edward DeDee, representing the Nashville Symphony Association, requesting permission for amplification and the serving of alcohol during a ticketed dinner to celebrate the opening of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center on Saturday, September 9, 2006, 8:00 – 10:30 pm and a pre-concert reception, 5:30 – 8:00 pm on Sunday, September 10, 2006 in Hall of Fame Park was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board granted approval to the Nashville Symphony Association to sell alcoholic beverages as per Metro Ordinance contingent upon applicant acquiring all appropriate permits from the Metropolitan Beer Board and/or the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Amplification was approved for Hall of Fame Park with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and is subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-12

BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF ELITE RACING/COUNTRY MUSIC MARATHON FOR AMPLIFICATION DURING THE MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006 IN CENTENNIAL AND SHELBY PARKS

An application submitted by Mr. Adam Zocks, representing Elite Racing/Country Music Marathon, requesting permission for amplification during the marathon and half marathon on Saturday, April 29, 2006, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm, in Centennial and Shelby Parks was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board unanimously approved this request for amplification with the understanding that the sound not be disruptive to those in the surrounding area and subject to monitoring by park personnel.

04-06-13

GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVE GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE KRESGE FOUNDATION WITHDRAWN BY STAFF

04-06-14

**BOARD ACCEPTS A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000
FROM THE SALLY ANN YEOMANS CHARITABLE FUND
OF THE U.S. CHARITABLE GIFT TRUST**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the board unanimously accepted a grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Sally Ann Yeomans Charitable Fund of The U.S. Charitable Gift Trust to be used exclusively for Metro Park's Big Band Dances.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

04-06-15

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007
EFFECTIVE MAY 2006 THROUGH APRIL 2007**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Hannon, the Board elected:

Susan Short Jones as Chairperson for one year

Mr. Lamont Carter as Vice-chairperson for one year

Mr. Roy Wilson as acting Secretary for one year

Reconsideration of this slate of officers was approved at the April 2006 Board Meeting with the progression modified to elect Susan Jones as Chairperson and Lamont Carter as Vice-chairperson upon re-examination of how the Board chooses their leadership relevant to board absences.

04-06-16

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER CRAFTON
TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE SHOWMOBILE DURING THE
ANNUAL BELLEVUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICNIC ON MAY 20, 2006**

Councilmember Eric Crafton and Gayla Pugh, representing the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce were present to request a reduction in the general usage fee for use of the Showmobile during the Annual Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Picnic on May 20, 2006.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board approved request for reduction in the usage fee for the Showmobile during the annual Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Picnic on May 20, 2006 since the additional cost was not budgeted for the 2006 picnic.

04-06-17 (con't.)

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER CRAFTON
TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR USE OF THE SHOWMOBILE DURING THE
ANNUAL BELLEVUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICNIC ON MAY 20, 2006**

Therefore, at the Board's request the true net cost and the proportionate share of expenses for the number of hours utilized in 2005 at this event was realized with the breakdown of the recovery cost per hour is as follows:

	\$22.71 per hour	
	1.74 social security per hour	
	3.15 pension per hour	
	<u>4.75 benefits per hour</u>	
\$ 32.35		Total hourly wage of employee

As per decision of the Board, the amount charged the chamber will be the hours worked in excess of the 10 hour fee charge of \$450.00. Below is the computation for the total due:

	\$ 32.35	Total hourly wage of employee
x	<u>5</u>	hours beyond the 10 hour limit
	\$161.75	
+	<u>450.00</u>	10 hour charge for use of showmobile
	\$611.75	TOTAL DUE FOR USE OF THE SHOWMOBILE (15 hours)

04-06-17

**BOARD GRANTS CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED
MUSIC CITY WALK OF FAME PROJECT**

Mr. Butch Spyridon, President of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau, was present to request conceptual approval of the of the proposed "Music CityWalk of Fame" project from the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded Justice Birch, the Board granted conceptual approval of the proposed "Music City Walk of Fame" project to honor area music heritage. This walk, slated to begin in Hall of Fame Park, is designed to have silhouettes of Gibson Guitars inscribed on the sidewalk (with no corporate name recognition listed anywhere on medallion) and similar to the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Also, at the request of the Board, a park representative should be selected to sit on the planning committee of this project.

04-06-18

**BOARD APPROVES REQUEST OF THE CAPITAL CITY GOLF ASSOCIATION
TO HOST A GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH FEE WAIVER
AT MCCABE GOLF COURSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006
IN CELEBRATION OF THE REOPENING OF THE COURSE**

A letter submitted by Mr. Mike Wilkerson, Secretary of the Capital City Golf Association, requesting permission to host a golf tournament to celebrate the Re-opening of McCabe Golf Course on Saturday, May 6, 2006 with fee waiver was presented to the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Lawson, this request was unanimously approved by the Board with the understanding that ALL PROCEEDS from event will benefit McCabe Golf Course by way of new granite tee markers.

04-06-19

**JENNIFER COLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HANDS ON NASHVILLE PRESENTED
PHASE 1 OF AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND
SUPPORT SYSTEMS WITHIN METRO PARKS**

Ms. Jennifer Cole, Executive Director of Hands on Nashville, was present to report to the Board Phase 1 of an overall assessment of the volunteer programs and support systems within Metro Parks. She stated that their assessment found that Metro Parks has a long-standing history with volunteers, excellent and enthusiastic staff with a willingness to improve the volunteer program. Key senior staff (director level and higher) are advocates for volunteer engagement and ready to implement necessary program changes. Ms. Cole suggested that the department lacks cohesion in its volunteer program structure and a clear sense of the mission critical roles for volunteers and stated that the follow recommendations will assist the department build staff support and future volunteer involvement:

Create Clear Volunteer Roles

Define the top 3-5 priority volunteer roles within each division.

Write brief "job descriptions" for each volunteer role.

Build an annual volunteer calendar that outlines these opportunities

Centralize Volunteer Application, Screening and Orientation Processes

Identify one staff member as a Volunteer Coordinator to whom all initial volunteer inquiries are routed. Barbara Manual has been identified.

Identify a "volunteer liaison/point of contact" within each division to schedule volunteers for projects/placements after review of the Volunteer Coordinator.

04-06-19 (con't.)

**JENNIFER COLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HANDS ON NASHVILLE PRESENTED
PHASE 1 OF AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND
SUPPORT SYSTEMS WITHIN METRO PARKS**

Outline a basic orientation curriculum which overviews volunteer policies and expectations.

Deliver public orientations through community centers on a quarterly basis as a way to recruit new volunteers while advertising emerging needs within the department.

Enhance Volunteer Tracking/Reporting Systems

Design a common volunteer application for use in all division available in paper and electronically.

Develop a volunteer sign in/out log mandating usage at all facilities

Create a simple spreadsheet that can be used by each division to track and record volunteer hours.

Design a common community service hours log and sign off letter to document school or court ordered service hours.

Enhance Staff Knowledge and Capacity around Volunteer Management

Draft a volunteer/staff expectations statement with input from all divisions.

Train designated Volunteer Coordinator

Create a job shadow relationship between Parks Volunteer Coordinator and others in similar roles (ie., Library, FOWP, FOCP)

Conduct staff development training on volunteer management at least twice a year.

Enroll Volunteer Coordinator in the Volunteer Administrators' Network

Determine role "volunteer management and support" plays in staff performance reviews.

Improve risk Management and Volunteer Policies

Define regulations on the confidentiality of volunteer personal information.

Create and articulate a clear policy on court-ordered service for adults and juveniles.

04-06-19 (con't.)

**JENNIFER COLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HANDS ON NASHVILLE PRESENTED
PHASE 1 OF AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND
SUPPORT SYSTEMS WITHIN METRO PARKS**

Mandate volunteer sign in/sign out logs and create a collection and storage system.

Create a code of conduct for staff/volunteers that is made public.

Outline conduct/procedures for "releasing" volunteers from their duties.

Create a staff/volunteer grievance procedure process that provides clear instructions for volunteers on how to file claims for harassment or other suspected wrongdoing.

Susan Jones asked if HON will identify which roles are appropriate for staff and volunteers and Ms. Cole stated that HON will assist in that process.

Jenny Hannon asked how would the volunteer program be promoted and Ms. Cole stated it would be a public launch with a citizen campaign during the 200th anniversary celebration of Nashville.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board accepted assessment of the volunteer programs and support systems within Metro Parks and Recreation by Hands on Nashville.

04-06-20

**BOARD APPROVES POLICY RELATED TO DESIGNATED LEASH FREE AREAS OF
METRO PARKS AS REQUESTED BY STAFF**

At the request of staff, the Board was charged to review and approve policy related to designated leash-free areas of Metro Parks. Bob Parrish presented the following history with regard to dog management on park property:

Shortly after becoming Director, Mr. Wilson appointed an in-house Dog Management Team (DMT) with representatives from Planning, Public Information & Community Affairs, Park Police, and Natural Resource Management. The team developed a partnership with representatives from Metro Public Health Department - Animal Control Services, Nashville Humane Association (NHA), Metro Water Services, and the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association.

The Park Board adopted a "Position Paper", amended September 6, 2005, concerning dog management on park property. The primary goals of the Position Paper are strict compliance with the leash law, increased removal of dog waste, and increased number of off-leash areas. Recommendations were further adopted for location and design of the leash-free areas.

04-06-20 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES POLICY RELATED TO DESIGNATED LEASH FREE AREAS OF METRO PARKS AS REQUESTED BY STAFF

As of early 2006, there are now three fenced leash-free Metro dog parks (at Shelby Park, Edwin Warner Park, and Centennial Park). Park staff have documented evidence of numerous problems related to "pit bull" dogs in the fenced leash-free dog parks and in general park areas where leashes are required. Pit bulls have attacked and injured other dogs. Park Police Lt. Mitchell was bitten on the arm by an uncontrolled pit bull. On frequent occasions, owners have been unable to maintain control of their pit bulls due to the dog's strength and aggressive behavior. An uncontrolled pit bull attacked two riders and their horses on a bridle trail, bit one rider on the foot and injured the face of one of the horses. Ellen Cox, park patron, was in attendance to describe the attack of a pit bull on her dog on the Shelby Bottoms Greenway.

Tom Cross, Metro Legal Department, has provided an opinion that "...restrictions against certain breeds, based on known characteristics that make them particularly dangerous or disruptive, is legally valid...".

Mary Pat Boatfield, Executive Director of NHA, has provided extensive information of documented incidents from many cities and states about problems related to pit bulls. The information includes the history of the breed and the extreme risks to public safety related to pit bulls. There are precedents of municipalities and states enacting various restrictions on the pit bull breed.

Judy Ladebauche, Director of Animal Control Services, was present to recommend to the Park Board that "**pit bulls, or dogs having the characteristics of the pit bull breed, are disallowed in designated leash-free areas of Metro Parks**". In order to ensure public safety on park property, Parks staff supports approval of the recommendation. Therefore, upon motion of Lamont Carter in support of staff recommendation, seconded by Jenny Hannon, the Board unanimously approved recommendation of Ms. Ladebauche. Upon approval, this recommendation will become an addition to the previously adopted Position Paper for Dog Management on Metro Parks Property.

Because of the ambiguity in different characteristics of dog breeds, Mr. Lawson stated that policy should be a true policy and definitely not challengeable. Ms. Jones appointed Mr. Carter (chair), Justice Birch, and Mr. Kindall to a committee to work with the Dog Management Team to establish guidelines to make determination of the body/head characteristics of the pit bull breed with regard to Mr. Lawson's request.

04-06-21

BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF COUNCILMEMBER TYGARD TO PLACE A “WELCOME TO BELLEVUE” SIGN ON PARK PROPERTY

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson and based upon recommendation of sub committee, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board denied request of Councilman Tygard to place a “Welcome to Bellevue” sign on Warner Park property.

The Board determined that acceptance of this proposal to allow the placement of non-park signage complete with aesthetics (flowers, etc.) on park property and then, in turn, request that Metro Parks maintain the designated area is not the direction Metro Parks should go at this time.

04-06-22

BOARD APPROVES EXCLUSIVE USE PERMIT FOR METRO PARK FACILITIES

Upon motion of Justice Birch, seconded by Mr. Lawson, and because the Metropolitan Board and Parks and Recreation Department no longer allows exclusive use of any Metro Parks facility without a **Permit to Use** Agreement and payment of all applicable rental fees, the Board approved exclusive use permit and rental fee for Metro Park facilities. Therefore with the opening of the Hadley Community Center, the Hadley Park Junior Tennis Program falls within the purview of this policy with the exclusive use of the two rooms and locker rooms. The permit and rental fee with the Hadley Park Junior Tennis Development Program for use of the Hadley Park Tennis Center becomes effective May 1, 2006 with a monthly rental fee at \$700 a month or \$8400 annually. Also, this **Permit to Use** Agreement will be reviewed for renewal on an annual basis.

04-06-23

BOARD APPROVES REVISED FITNESS FEES FOR HADLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND ALL PROPOSED REGIONAL CENTERS

Paul Widman, Assistant Director of the Recreation, Cultural and Wellness Division, advised Board that a readjustment in the fee structure was requested as the fees approved previously were too high. Therefore upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Hannon the Board amended the following fees for Hadley Park and all proposed regional centers:

Adult Daily Rate	\$ 2.00
Youth Daily Rate (ages 13-7).	\$ 1.00
Children (5 and under)	free of charge
Must be accompanied by adult or sibling 16 or older	
Senior (62 and older) Daily Rate	\$ 1.00

04-06-23 (con't.)

BOARD APPROVES REVISED FITNESS FEES FOR HADLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND ALL PROPOSED REGIONAL CENTERS

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non resident</u>
Adult Monthly Pass	\$ 25.00	\$ 27.50
Youth (ages 13-17) Monthly Pass.	\$ 15.00	
Senior (62 and older) Monthly Pass.	\$ 15.00	
Adult Annual Pass.	\$250.00	\$275.00
Youth (ages 13-17) Annual Pass.	\$150.00	
Senior (62 and older) Annual Pass	\$150.00	

04-06-24

BOARD ADOPTS INTERPRETIVE PLAN FOR METRO PARKS NATURE CENTERS

Sandy Bivens was present to present the plan to the Board. She stated that the plan should be utilized as a tool for the centers to build upon. John Veverka, certified Interpretive Planner conducted the seminar and the plan was written by local citizens and colleagues. As each center comes online this plan should be used as a guide. Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Kindall the Board unanimously adopted the Interpretive Plan for all Metro Parks Nature Centers.

04-06-25

JUSTICE BIRCH TO CHAIR COMMITTEE TO REVIEW BOARD POLICIES

Susan Jones appointed Justice Birch to chair a subcommittee to review board policy. Justice Birch accepted; however, he asked that the record reflect that the committee not be constricted and all board members remain participatory in the comprehensive policy review of the following board policies:

- Park naming policies and procedures
- Circuses and amusement rides on park property – including animals (lions, ponies, tigers, bears, etc.)
- Spreading of ashes on park property
- Food service on park property including consumption of alcohol
- Outreach/shelter activities on park property
- Election of Officers/board absences
- Community Gardens
- Review of permit procedures
- Remaining dog park issues
- Policy for Public Square Park
- Signage on Park Property

VIII. CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS - NONE

IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

BOARD GRANTS CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL TO THE METRO ARTS COMMISSION TO INTEGRATE ART WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE PUBLIC SQUARE PARK

Ms. Sandra Duncan, representing the Metro Arts Commission, was present to request approval from the Board to integrate art within the Courthouse Public Square Park.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Hannon, the Board granted conceptual approval to the Metro Arts Commission to integrate art within the Courthouse Public Square Park with the understanding that Curt Garrigan or a designated Metro Parks' employee continue in the role of technical advisor throughout the planning and development process.

X. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF, NEW EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM STAFF

Community Garden Update

Vera Vollbrecht distributed minutes from the steering committee's March 17th meeting to Park Board members. She advised board that there are 8 existing gardens in Nashville and an intern will be hired this summer to assist with the community garden project. Also, the cover story on the current National Recreation and Parks Association magazine is a feature on Community Gardens.

Miracle League Update

Dottie Hale, Superintendent of Sports, reported that she has met with area groups with disabilities to determine their interest in playing. She has researched the League and described the rubberized turf needed for play. Once the turf is laid, lines are painted on so that there are no obstacles for wheelchairs. If the board decides this is the direction they want to take, Mr. Wilson should be prepared to request funds to develop field in the 2007 budget.

Volunteer Ranger Program

Lt. George Mitchell has researched Volunteer Ranger Programs in various states and the volunteers range from "armed" volunteers to neighborhood watch programs being eyes and ears and reporting to area police departments. Community Affairs Officers in Nashville work with the Neighborhood Watch groups.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, it was determined to continue with the Ranger Program as the Board dictates.

XII. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wilson distributed update of capital projects and his monthly report to the Board.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**BOARD DENIES REQUEST OF THE METRO HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY**

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Park Board, at its meeting held Tuesday, April 4, 2006 and based upon recommendation of the sub-committee, denied request to accept the transfer of a parcel of property (parcel #119-01-0-387.00) located across the street from Woodbine School for park use. The Board determined that while this area would qualify as a mini park, areas of this size have not been a priority for acquisition because the cost of maintenance is higher in comparison to larger parks relative to the size of the population served.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Roy E. Wilson, Director

Susan Short-Jones, Chairperson